

**AN ORDINANCE
BY COUNCIL MEMBER CATHY WOOLARD**

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AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CATHY WOOLARD, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ADOPTED UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965 (GA. LAWS 1965, P. 298, ET. SEQ.), AS AMENDED, TO AMEND SUBPART A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA. LAWS 1996, P. 4469, ET. SEQ.) APPROVED APRIL 15, 1996, AS AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: SUBPART A (ENTITLED "BILL OF RIGHTS") OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA (GA. LAWS 1996, P. 4469, ET. SEQ.) APPROVED APRIL 15, 1996, AS AMENDED, IS HEREBY AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AS FOLLOWS:

BILL OF RIGHTS

The council, mayor and all departments of government of the City of Atlanta shall be guided by the provisions of this Bill of Rights:

1. Religion and Conscience. The City of Atlanta shall not interfere with the freedom of each person in the city to follow the dictates of his or her own conscience concerning religious worship, nor shall the city support any religion.
2. Speech, Assembly and Press. The City of Atlanta shall not interfere with the rights of

freedom of speech, of freedom of the press, to petition the government, or of peaceable assembly.

3. Unreasonable Searches and Seizures. The City of Atlanta shall not authorize any unreasonable search or seizure.

4. Nondiscrimination. The City of Atlanta shall not, directly or indirectly, discriminate among persons because of **race, color, creed, religion, sex, domestic relationship status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, or gender identity**. Nothing herein shall prevent the City of Atlanta from remedying present discrimination or the present effects of past discrimination by a race-conscious affirmative action program which is in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Georgia.

5. Environmental Protection. The City of Atlanta shall promote the right of the people to clean air, pure water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic qualities of the environment.

(1996 Ga. L. (Act No. 1019), p. 4469)

SECTION 2: A copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Atlanta, (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.), as approved April 15, 1996, as amended shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and in the offices of the Clerks of the Superior Courts of Fulton and DeKalb Counties and the “Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Atlanta” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and by reference, made a part hereof, be published once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Atlanta and in the official organs of Fulton County and DeKalb County, and a copy of said advertisement shall be attached to this ordinance prior to its final adoption by the Council of the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 3: All ordinances and charter provisions or parts of ordinances and charter provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA**

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinance has been introduced to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta (Ga. Laws, 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.) approved April 15, 1996, as amended, said Ordinance being captioned as follows:

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A copy of the proposed Ordinance and Charter Amendment is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlanta and in the Offices of the clerks of the Superior Courts of Fulton and DeKalb Counties, Georgia; for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public.

This _____ day of _____, 2000.

Municipal Clerk

"Exhibit A"

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Date Referred 12/14/00

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Readings

☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☐ RRC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION